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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: RH, UK, POEV

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: APPROACH TO OAU GOVERNMENTS

REF: STATE 141940

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OF STATES MEETINGS WHICH WOULD COMPLICATE OUR EFFORTS,
SUCH AS REJECTING NEGOTIATIONS AS A PATH TO PEACE OR
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